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Kevin Mayer, Superfund Specialist
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Dear Kevin Mayer:

The University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) would like to invite you to a public informational meeting regarding the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) Public Health Initiative. During the past 15 years, numerous studies have been conducted on the chemical and radiation content of the air, water, and soil on the SSFL property and the surrounding areas. SSFL was a facility of Rocketdyne Propulsion and Power of the Boeing Company, and tested rocket engines in the 1950's, 60's, 70's, and 80's. There has been much controversy as to the impact of the SSFL on the health of its workers and the people living in the surrounding areas. This subject has been of great interest to a number of key stakeholders, including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Energy (DOE), the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Boeing/Rocketdyne, Simi Valley community residents, and previous employees of SSFL.

Investigators from the UCLA School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and Sonoma Technology, Inc. will be describing one part of the study, which focuses on investigating potential exposure pathways resulting from SSFL activities. The purpose of this meeting is to present preliminary findings from the ongoing UCLA/SSFL peer review study and add to the current available knowledge about whether the environment surrounding the community has been compromised by the activities at SSFL.

The public informational meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday, August 19, 2003
7:30 – 10:00 pm**

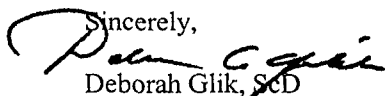
**Grand Vista Hotel, Valley Ballroom
999 Enchanted Way
Simi Valley, California 93065**

Speakers include:

- * Dr. Yoram Cohen, UCLA Department of Chemical Engineering
- * Dr. Thomas C. Harmon, UCLA Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
- * Adrienne Katner, UCLA Department of Chemical Engineering
- * Lyle Chinkin, Sonoma Technology, Inc.

If you are interested in attending, need more information, or have any questions, please contact Mehrnaz Davoudi at (310) 267-2694 or you may email her at hmre_ucla@hotmail.com. We also have a website where you can find more information: <http://www.ph.ucla.edu/erg/>.

Sincerely,


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